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TITLE	Altenburg Airfield		25X1
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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Altenburg airfield between 21 and 27 February 1953:

21 February. At 10 a.m., four MiG-15s were aloft over the airfield. There were no clouds and visibility was good. Take-offs were made by four MiG-15s, at 10:15 a.m. and by four other MiG-15s, at 10:40 a.m. At 1 p.m., 12 MiG-15s were parked near the flight control station and 4 additional MiG-15s at the northeastern end of the runway. 25X1

23 February. At 3 p.m., two MiG-15s took off and climbed to a high altitude within a short time. There was a 2/10 overcast and good visibility. When the two planes had landed at the field, no air activity was observed up to 4 p.m. At that time, 14 jet fighters were parked in front of the flight control station, 4 jet fighters on the northern section of the runway, and 1 single-engine plane with radial engine in the northern half of the field.

26 February. Between noon and 3 p.m., no air activity was observed although there were no clouds and the visibility was good. At nightfall, the loud noise of jet aircraft was heard in the distance but no details could be observed.

27 February. Between 9 and 10 a.m., there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters. The sky was 3/10 overcast and visibility was limited to 5 or 6 km. 25X1

2. A new radio installation consisting of two masts interconnected by a two-wire antenna was observed north of the radio installation which was located in the northern flying lane. The two-mast installation was fed by the Dolsenhain power plant. A radio truck and a corrugated sheet metal cabin, both surrounded by a board fence, were observed in the new installation. There was no telephone connection between the two installations.<sup>2</sup>

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3. An AA gun emplacement with 37-mm and 76-mm guns was located at the end of the lane in the wood in the northern extension of the runway. The gun barrels were covered with tarpaulins and pointed upward. Six barrels were also observed in the emplacement.<sup>2</sup>

1. Comment. According to available information, Altenburg airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. The observations indicate that the aircraft of this regiment were involved in intensive air activity.

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The present report indicates that no essential changes occurred in the meantime.

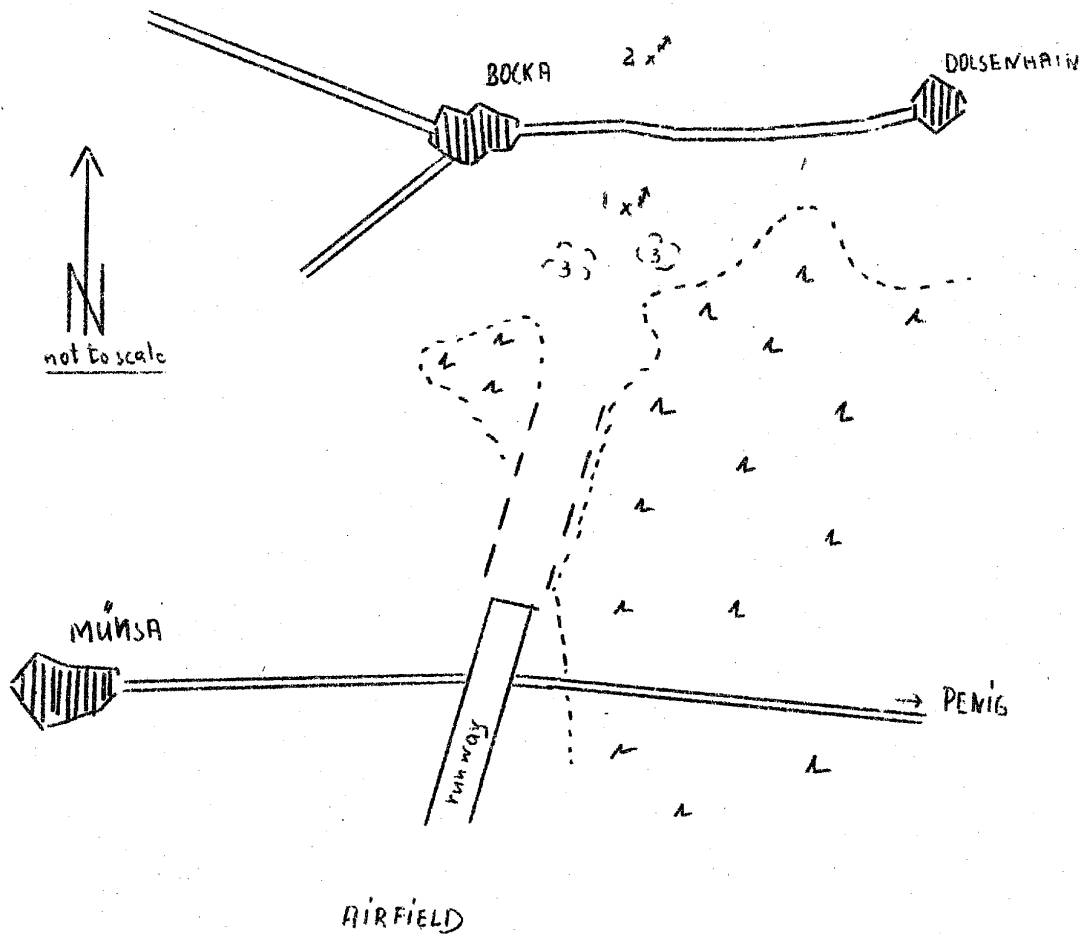
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2. Comment. For location of radio installations and AA gun emplacements, see Annex. It is possible that one of the two radio installations is a PKV-45 DF station, while the other one is a tactical radio installation. No definite information is available on the strength of the AA protection at the field.

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Annex

Altenburg AirfieldLegend:

- 1 Probably PKV-45 DF station
- 2 Probably tactical radio installation
- 3 AA gun emplacements

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